PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) | |
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| | : | Examiner: L. Nguyen |
| MASAKI OIKAWA |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2853 |
| Appln. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of |) | |
| Appln. No. 10/150,917 filed | : | |
| May 22, 2002) |) | |
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| For: IMAGE PRINTING APPARATUS |) | |
| AND CONTROL METHOD | : | |
| THEREFOR |) | August 27, 2003 |

Commissioner for Patents
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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights to which he is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese priority application:

No. 2001-155988 filed May 24, 2001.

A certified copy of the priority document along with an English translation of the cover page of the priority document was filed August 1, 2002, in Application No. 10/150,917 filed May 22, 2002, the parent of the above-referenced application.

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